Table 1. California Division of Workers' Compensation: Workers' Compensation Claims (in 000's), by Part of Body

PART OF BODY	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		TOTAL	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent										
Head	70.2	9.9	84.6	9.6	76.2	9.2	71.4	9.0	67.4	9.1	60.4	9.4	430.4	9.4
Lower Extremities	120.9	17.1	149.2	17.0	142.4	17.1	133.8	16.9	124.9	16.8	112.1	17.4	783.4	17.0
Multiple Body Parts	97.5	13.8	127.1	14.5	126.6	15.2	125.6	15.8	113.6	15.3	94.4	14.7	684.7	14.9
Neck	13.6	1.9	16.9	1.9	15.5	1.9	14.5	1.8	13.5	1.8	11.0	1.7	85.0	1.8
Trunk	156.1	22.1	193.2	22.0	181.8	21.8	170.1	21.5	158.6	21.3	134.0	20.8	993.8	21.6
Upper Extremities	249.4	35.2	307.4	35.0	290.1	34.8	277.1	35.0	265.9	35.7	230.9	36.0	1,620.7	35.3
TOTAL REPORTED INJURIES	707.7	100.0	878.4	100.0	832.6	100.0	792.5	100.0	743.9	100.0	642.8	100.0	4,598.0	100.0
Unknown	1.2		1.9		2.9		0.5		0.6		0.7		7.9	

Source: WCIS database, which uses National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) codes as follows:

Head--multiple head injury, skull, brain, ear(s), eye(s), nose, teeth, mouth, soft tissue and facial bones.

Lower Extremities--multiple lower extremities, hip, upper leg, knee, lower leg, ankle, foot, toe(s) and great toe.

Multiple Body Parts--artificial appliance, no physical injury, body systems and multiple body systems, multiple body parts, whole body and unclassified.

Neck--multiple neck injury, vertebrae, disc, spinal cord, larynx, soft tissue and trachea.

Trunk--multiple trunk, upper back area, low back area, disc, chest, sacrum and coccyx, pelvis, spinal cord, internal organs and heart.

Upper Extremities--multiple upper extremities, upper arm, elbow, lower arm, wrist, hand, finger(s), thumb, shoulder(s), wrist(s) and hand(s).

A significant amount of variation across years results from noncompliance and late reporting of claims. Data is based upon calendar year of injury. DWC believes that its database is representative of claims in California's workers' compensation (WC) industry for all years.

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